



Docket No. 3024.PHM

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of Bednarz et, al.

Serial No.: 10/791,540

Group Art Unit: 1635

Filed: 2 March 2004

Examiner: Unknown

For: Hard Capsules

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. 1.97

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

SIR:

In compliance with Applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98, Applicants' direct the Examiner's attention to the publications listed on the PTO #1449 form which is being submitted herewith. Copies of all publications listed on the #1449 form are being submitted herewith.

In the event that a first Office Action has already issued and is crossing in the mail with this information, please consider the information and charge the \$180.00 fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17p to Deposit Account No. 14-0455. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 14-0455. Triplicate copies of this letter are enclosed.

The disclosure of the above references does not constitute an admission that they are relevant or material to the claims or are "prior art" to the subject application. The citation of them is not to be construed as a representation that no better art exists or that a search has been made; they are cited merely as constituting collectively the closest art of which applicants are aware.

Respectfully submitted,


Karen Kaiser Reg. No. 33,506
Attorney for Applicant(s)
Tel. 908-575-6152

National Starch and Chemical
10 Finderne Avenue
Bridgewater, New Jersey 08807-0500

June 7, 2005
#3024



TRANSMITTAL FORM

(to be used for all correspondence after initial filing)

Total Number of Pages in This Submission

95-

Application Number	10/791,540
Filing Date	2 March 2004
First Named Inventor	Bednarz et, al.
Art Unit	1635
Examiner Name	Unknown
Attorney Docket Number	3024.PHM

ENCLOSURES (Check all that apply)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Fee Transmittal Form	<input type="checkbox"/> Drawing(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> After Allowance Communication to TC
<input type="checkbox"/> Fee Attached	<input type="checkbox"/> Licensing-related Papers	<input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Board of Appeals and Interferences
<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply	<input type="checkbox"/> Petition	<input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to TC (Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief)
<input type="checkbox"/> After Final	<input type="checkbox"/> Petition to Convert to a Provisional Application	<input type="checkbox"/> Proprietary Information
<input type="checkbox"/> Affidavits/declaration(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney, Revocation	<input type="checkbox"/> Status Letter
<input type="checkbox"/> Extension of Time Request	<input type="checkbox"/> Change of Correspondence Address	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Enclosure(s) (please identify below): PTO-1449 (6 References enclosed)
<input type="checkbox"/> Express Abandonment Request	<input type="checkbox"/> Terminal Disclaimer	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement	<input type="checkbox"/> Request for Refund	
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> CD, Number of CD(s) _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Reply to Missing Parts/ Incomplete Application	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Table on CD	
<input type="checkbox"/> Reply to Missing Parts under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53	<input type="checkbox"/> Remarks	

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT

Firm Name	National Starch and Chemical Company		
Signature			
Printed name	Karen G. Kaiser		
Date	6/7/2005	Reg. No.	33,506

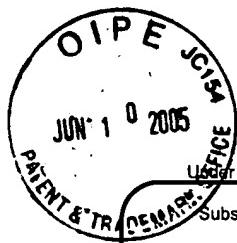
CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION/MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the USPTO or deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date shown below:

Signature			
Typed or printed name	Roshanara Jayawardene	Date	6/7/2005

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.5. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.11 and 1.14. This collection is estimated to 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.



PTO/SB/08A (08-03)

Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0651-0031

Approved for use through January 31, 2017. GPO 2016-090.

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

~~Substitute for form 1449/PTO~~

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet 1 of 1

Complete if Known	
Application Number	10/791,540
Filing Date	02 March 2004
First Named Inventor	Bednarz et, al.
Art Unit	1635
Examiner Name	Unknown
Attorney Docket Number	3024.PHM

U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages Or Relevant Figures Appear
		Country Code ³ -Number ⁴ -Kind Code ⁵ (if known)			
		WO0238132	5/16/2002	Celanese Ventur	
		JP20030551	2/26/2003	TOYO CAPSULE KK	(Abstract Only)
		EP1447082	8/18/2004	Morishita Jinta	
		EP1104652	6/16/2001	Societe des Pro	
		EP0404582	6/4/1994	Merck & Co. Inc	
		WO2003009832	2/6/2003	R.P. Scherer Ho	

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	
-----------------------	--	--------------------	--

***EXAMINER:** Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. ¹Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ²See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. ⁶Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.